

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Development of Tourism in Telangana

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to develop tourism activities in the newly formed State of Telangana to promote tourism in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated by the Government in this regard along with the action taken by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has identified some spots in the said State and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has given any financial assistance to the State Government of Telangana to develop religious tourism activities at Akka Mahadevi temple and Mallela Teertham water in Mahabubnagar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): For the development of tourism activities in the country including the State of Telangana the Ministry of Tourism launched two Central Sector Plan Schemes namely "Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Circuits around specific themes" and "PRASAD for National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive". Proposals are invited from the State Governments and Union Territories Administration including the State of Telangana to submit under the thirteen circuits in Swadesh Darshan Scheme and 23 pilgrimage sites under PRASAD Scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project namely Integrated Development of Eco Circuit in Mahabubnagar District, Telangana for an amount of Rs.9162.10 lakhs and released Rs.1832.42 lakhs, which includes Akka Mahadevi Caves and Mallela Teertham.

The details of projects sanctioned to the State Government of Telangana during the last three years and the current financial year is placed at Annexure.
